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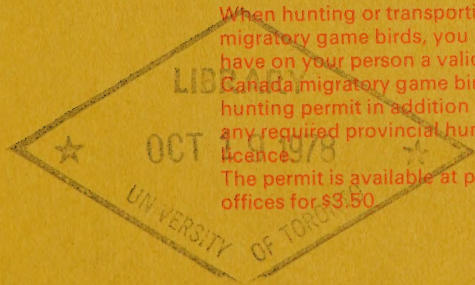


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Abstract

When hunting or transporting migratory game birds, you must have on your person a valid Canada migratory game bird hunting permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence.

The permit is available at post offices for \$3.50.



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# **Regulations for hunters of migratory game birds**

## **Equipment**

- No person shall hunt using a shotgun of any kind capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined ; a rifle or shotgun loaded with a single bullet ; or any weapon other than a long bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
- No person shall have with him, for his own use, more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.
- No person shall shoot from any aircraft, sailboat, power boat, or motorized vehicle, or any vehicle to which a draught animal is attached.
- No person shall use a boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb birds with the object of driving them towards a hunter.
- No person shall use live birds as decoys, or recorded bird calls.

## **Time**

- No person shall hunt at any time throughout the year except during the open season as described in the schedule.
- No person shall hunt during any day after he has taken his bag limit.
- No person shall hunt earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset.

## **Place**

- No person shall hunt within 400 metres of any area baited with grain or other food.

## **Retrieval**

- It is permitted to retrieve a dead or injured migratory game bird by the use of a power boat.
- No person shall kill, cripple or wound a migratory game bird without making all reasonable efforts to retrieve it. The retrieved bird shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's daily bag limit.

## **Possession and transport**

- No person shall possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one wing and the plumage thereof remains attached to the bird. Such a wing and plumage may be removed
  - a. when the bird is prepared for immediate cooking, or,
  - b. after the bird is taken to the residence of the owner for preservation.

## **Eggs and nests**

- No person shall take, injure, or destroy the eggs or nests of migratory birds at any time.

## Uses

- No person shall buy or sell migratory birds.

## Provincial regulations

- Hunters of migratory game birds are advised to check provincial regulations for additional restrictions.

### Open seasons – All dates inclusive

Area	Ducks, geese (other than Brant) and Wilson's Snipe	Woodcock	Additional season for scoter, elder, Oldsquaw ducks and mergansers in coastal waters only
Zone 1 (Saint John County south of No. 1 Highway and west of Saint John Harbour and Charlotte County south of No. 1 Highway, the Grand Manan Islands and Campobello Island except Roosevelt-Campobello International Park)	Oct 23 to Jan 6	Sept 25 to Nov 18	Feb 1 to Feb 28
Zone 2 (Victoria, Madawaska, Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland and Carleton counties)	Oct 2 to Dec 16	Sept 18 to Nov 18	No additional season
Zone 3 (remainder of the Province of New Brunswick)	Oct 2 to Dec 16	Sept 25 to Nov 18	No additional season



## Bag and possession limits

	Ducks	Geese (other than Brant)	Wilson's Snipe	Woodcock
Daily bag	6 a.	5	10	8
Possession	12 a.	10	20	16

- a. Except that 10 Red-breasted Merganser, American Merganser, scoter, eider and oldsquaw ducks in total may be taken daily and 20 may be possessed in Zone No. 1 from February 1 to February 28 inclusive.

## Penalty

Every person who violates any provision of this act or any regulation shall, for each offence, be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$300 and not less than \$10, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

No person who has been convicted of a hunting offense under this Act or any regulations shall apply for or hold a Canada migratory game bird hunting permit within one year from the date of his conviction.

## Note

The above is a summary of the law. For complete information write

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